

TRAFFIC ALERT

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TRAFFIC ALERT FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 9-13, 2010

Highway work zones in the Staunton District

The following is a list of highway work that might affect traffic in the Staunton transportation district during the coming weeks. The Staunton district is comprised of 11 counties, Alleghany, Bath, Rockbridge, Augusta, Highland, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Frederick, Page, Warren and Clarke. Work scheduled is subject to change due to inclement weather and material supplies. Motorists are advised to watch for slow-moving tractors during mowing operations. Also, when traveling through a work zone, be alert to periodic changes in traffic patterns and lane closures.

(NEW) _ Indicates a new or revised entry since last week's report.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Interstate 64

- * Mile marker 0 to 41, eastbound and westbound Debris removal. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- * Mile Marker 0 to 41, eastbound and westbound Bridge sweeping. Mobile work zone, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shoulders and ramp shoulders will be closed.
- * Mile marker 18.5 to 22.5, westbound and eastbound Left lane closures. Median barrier construction installation project.

Long-term left lane closures with concrete barrier. Median barrier construction installation project. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) oversized load note: Wide loads up to 15 feet in width will be able to proceed through the eastbound work zone and up to 12 feet in width will be able to proceed through the westbound work zone on I-64. Extreme Caution should be exercised by motor carriers as portions of the right shoulders may have to be used. Pilot vehicles are recommended.

* (NEW) Mile marker 20 to 18.5, westbound – Right lane and shoulder closures. Median barrier construction installation project.

- * Mile marker 20 to 23, westbound Right shoulder closure, Aug. 9 to 13. Median barrier project work.
- * Various roads Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with flagger traffic control or arrow board.

Primary Roads

- * Route F-205 (Irvine Farm Road) Flagging operations Aug. 9 to 13 for I-64 median barrier project work.
- * Route 311 (Kanawha Trail) Bridge repairs at bridge over Miller Branch from 1.50 miles west of Route 159 to 1.90 miles east of Route 602. Single-lane closures with 10-foot lane width restrictions controlled by stop and proceed. Motorists must stop to ensure way is clear before proceeding across the bridge. Intermittent delays up to 15-minutes. Estimated completion is Aug. 24.
- * Various roads Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with flagger traffic control or arrow board.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 616 (Rich Patch Road) Box culvert replacement at Karnes Creek. Single-lane traffic with stop and proceed sign. Roadway is restricted to a 10-foot width. Single-lane traffic will be in place 24 hours-a-day until mid-October. Work zone will be active on weekdays from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Motorists should use extreme caution in this area and watch for construction vehicles.
- * Route 1101 (Winterberry Avenue) Flagging operations Aug. 9 to 13 for I-64 median barrier project work.
- * Route 1011 Bridge replacement in Selma area between Route 1002 and Route 1003. Road will be closed Monday to Thursday. Detour signs in place.
- * Various roads Patching. Flagger traffic control, Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- * Various roads Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with flagger traffic control or arrow board.

BATH COUNTY

Primary Roads

* Various roads – Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with flagger traffic control or arrow board.

Secondary Roads

- * (NEW) Various roads Patching, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * (NEW) Route 635 Placing stone on rural rustic project, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- * Various roads Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with flagger traffic control or arrow board.

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

Interstate 64

- * Mile marker 41 to 56 eastbound and westbound Debris removal, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * Various roads Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with arrow board.

Interstate 81

- * Mile marker 173 to 205 northbound and southbound Debris removal, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 175 to 200 northbound and southbound Bridge maintenance on various structures. Possible single-lane traffic with flagger traffic control, Monday night to Friday morning, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- * (UPDATE) Mile marker 195.6 to 202.5, northbound and southbound UPDATE: Blasting will take place on Aug. 10 and Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. Blasting will occur near mile marker 197.7 and the Route 712 bridge. Nighttime single lane closures will occur on Aug. 9 to 12, from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Single lane closures will also occur on August 9 to 12, 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. This lane closure will be in the northbound right lane from mile marker 200 to 202.5. Barrier installation will be performed during these times.

Blasting operations will take place approximately two days a week between the hours of noon and 2 p.m. Monday to Friday. Both northbound and southbound lanes will have a rolling mobile lane closure. Signs posted. Blasting operations are estimated to continue through November.

Primary Roads

- * Route 130 (Glasgow) Bridge construction at Route 501. New traffic pattern. Periodic single-lane traffic with flagger traffic control, signs posted. Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 7 am to noon. Use extreme caution as motorists become acquainted with new traffic pattern. Estimated completion is September 2010.
- * Various roads Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with flagger traffic control or arrow board.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 603 Bridges over Irish Creek. Bridge work from 1.40 miles east of Route 608 and 5.45 miles east of Route 608. Single lane closure with stop and proceed sign. Flagger traffic control as needed.
- * Route 611 (South Buffalo Road) Bridge replacement. Road closed from 1.15 miles south of Route 738 (Rapps Mill Road) to 0.25 mile north of Route 661 (Spring Branch Road). Single-lane traffic restrictions controlled by stop and proceed. Motorists must stop to ensure way is clear before proceeding. Lane will be restricted 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. Estimated completion is Sept. 24.
- * Various roads Trash pick-up, pipe installation, patching, shoulder repair and brush cutting. Flagger traffic control, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * Various roads Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with flagger traffic control or arrow board.

HIGHLAND COUNTY

Primary Roads

- * (NEW) Route 84 Tar and gravel placement. Flagger traffic control, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * (NEW) Route 220 Brush control from Route 605 to Bath County line. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 250 Brush control from Route 616 to Route 678. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * Route 250 Shoulder repair from Monterey to West Virginia State line. Flagger traffic control, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * Various roads Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with flagger traffic control or arrow board.

Secondary Roads

- * (NEW) Route 607 Brush control from Route 220 to Route 220. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 614 Brush control from Route 250 to Route 616. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 614 Brush control from Route 250 to Route 619. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 616 Brush control from Route 250 to Route 614. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 620 Brush control from Route 614 to West Virginia State line. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 622 Brush control from Route 623 to West Virginia State line. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 623 Brush control from Route 622 to Dead End. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 637 Brush control from Route 84 to Route 250. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 640– Brush control from Route 84 to Route 640. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 642– Brush control from Route 220 to Route 642 (Blue Grass). Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 654 Brush control from Route 618 to West Virginia State line. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Route 678 Brush control from Route 609 to Bath County line. Krenite S application will occur Aug. 23 to Sept. 3.
- * (NEW) Various roads Paving, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * Various roads Bridge cleaning and litter pick-up. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Single lane traffic with flagger traffic control or arrow board.

AUGUSTA COUNTY

Interstate 64

* (NEW) Mile marker 88 to 99 eastbound and westbound – Bridge deck maintenance on various structures. Possible single-lane traffic with flagger traffic control, Monday night to Friday morning, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Interstate 81

* (NEW) Mile marker 210 to 230 northbound and southbound – Bridge deck maintenance on various structures. Possible single-lane traffic with flagger traffic control, Monday night to Friday morning, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Primary Roads

- * Route 42 Mossy Creek project. Roadway relocation and bridge replacement with box culvert. Work will occur from 0.63 mile south of Rockingham County line to 0.90 mile south of Rockingham County line. Expect minor delays Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Two lanes of roadway will be maintained.
- * Churchville Avenue (Route 250, Staunton), eastbound Road reconstruction activities. North Central Avenue is open to traffic. No left turn will be allowed from Churchville Avenue onto North Lewis Street. North Lewis Street is open to northbound traffic only. The eastbound lane will be closed from North Augusta Street (Route 11) to Albemarle Avenue 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. The pedestrian detour is from North Augusta Street to North Lewis Street. Signs are posted.

Expect intermittent delays from North Augusta Street to Albemarle Avenue due to utility installation work. Intermittent flagger traffic control for work in westbound lane. Speed limit in the project area reduced to 25 miles-per-hour. Four recommended detours for eastbound Churchville Avenue traffic heading into Staunton business district from Route 262/Route 250 interchange are to North Augusta Street:

- Take Route 250 and turn right onto Grubert Avenue and then turning left onto West Beverly Street, which intersects with North Augusta Street.
- Take Route 250 and turn right onto Thornrose Avenue and then turning left on to West Beverly Street, which intersects with North Augusta Street.
- Take Churchville Avenue and turn left onto Springhill Road to Route 262. Turn right onto Route 262 north to the Route 11 intersection. Turn right onto Route 11 and take Route 11 bypass (Commerce Road) into Staunton.
- At the Route 262/Route 250 interchange take Route 262 north to the Route 11 intersection. Turn right onto Route 11 and take Route 11 bypass (Commerce Road) into Staunton.
- * (NEW) Various roads Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading. Work will occur on weekdays.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 694 (Chestnut Ridge Road) Rustic road construction from Route 695 (Arborhill Road) to Route 693 (Bethel Green Road). Road closed 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Thursday. Estimated completion is Aug. 9.
- * (NEW) Route 736 (Union Church Road) Bridge work. Road closed from Route 42 (Scenic Highway) to Route 835 (Dudley Farm Road). Estimated completion is Aug. 25.
- * Route 907 Bridge over Christians Creek is closed. No reopening date has been scheduled.

* (NEW) Various roads – Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading. Work will occur on weekdays.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Interstate 81

- * Mile marker 237.51 to 263 northbound and southbound Debris removal, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 239.5 northbound and southbound Guardrail and delineator work, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Primary Roads

- * (NEW) Route 33 (Rawley Pike) Pipe replacement west of Harrisonburg to one mile east of West Virginia State line. Intermittent lane closures with flagger traffic control, Thursday.
- * Route 42 (Forestville Road, Timberville) Signal upgrade construction at intersection of Route 800 (Co-op Drive). Estimated completion is mid August.
- * Route 42 (Warm Springs Pike) Aerial and buried optic cable work from Bridgewater Town limits and Route 42 south to Augusta County line. Right shoulder closure, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Route 253 (Port Republic Road) Aerial and buried optic cable work from Route 825 (South River Road) to Route 655 (Lawyer Road). Right shoulder closure, Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Route 253 (Port Republic Road) Road widening project from Route 704 (Boyers Road) to Harrisonburg City limits. Asphalt operations to occur on Port Republic Road, Boyers Road and Ridgedale Road. Be alert for possible lane closures, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- * (NEW) Various roads Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading. Work will occur on weekdays.

Secondary Roads

- * (NEW) Route 613 (Jordan Hill Road) Road widening and drainage work from Route 729 (Campbell Road) to Augusta County line. Intermittent shoulder closures.
- * (NEW) Route 672 Bridge maintenance from 0.55 mile north of Route 655 to 0.45 mile south of Route 652. Possible single-lane traffic with flagger traffic control, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- * Route 682 (Friedens Church Road) Entrance, utility and medial installation work from Route 950 (Walton Way) to I-81 Interchange. Intermittent lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic, Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Route 726 (Erickson Avenue) Road work from Route 33 (Rawley Pike) to Route 726. Intermittent lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic, Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Route 800 (Long Meadow Drive) Columbia Gas work from Route 800 (Lone Pine Road) to Route 619 (Wampler Road). Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Intermittent lane and shoulder closure with flagger traffic control.
- * Route 800 (American Legion Drive) Columbia Gas work from Route 801 (Holsinger Road) to end of state maintenance. Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Intermittent lane and shoulder closure with flagger traffic control.

- * Route 801 (Holsinger Road) Columbia Gas work from Route 800 (American Legion Drive) to Route 619 (Wampler Road). Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Intermittent lane and shoulder closure with flagger traffic control.
- * Route 820 (Bergton Road) Motorists should be alert for travel delays of up to 20 minutes for road construction and slope work. Work zone is 1.10 miles to 0.30 mile west of Route 259. Single-lane closures with flagger traffic control, Monday to Friday during daylight hours as needed. Blasting operations will also occur Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Friday. Delays up to one hour should be expected during these times. Completion is November 2010.
- * Route 890 (Buckley Road) Columbia Gas work from Route 619 (Piney Woods Road) to end of state maintenance. Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Intermittent lane and shoulder closure with flagger traffic control.
- * (NEW) Various roads Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading. Work will occur on weekdays.

PAGE COUNTY

Primary Road

* (NEW) Various roads – Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading. Work will occur on weekdays.

Secondary Roads

* Various roads – Pipe installation, patching, brush cutting, shoulder repairs, ditching and grading. Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY

Interstate 81

- * Mile marker 263 to 298, northbound and southbound Debris removal, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 264, northbound Guardrail and delineator work, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 273 to 263.9, southbound Guardrail inspection and repair, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 270.4, northbound Bridge, drain and gutter cleaning, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 277.7 to 270.4, northbound and southbound Sign repair, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 282.5, northbound Mowing, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 291 to 298, northbound and southbound Sign repair, guardrail and delineator work, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Primary Roads

No lane closures reported.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 744 (Deer Rapids) Bridge over Shenandoah River. Bridge work from 0.30-mile east of Route 648 to 0.45-mile east of Route 648. Traffic controlled by flaggers as needed during daylight hours, Monday to Friday. Estimated completion is April 14, 2011.
- * Various roads Scraping, brush cutting and spot mowing.

FREDERICK COUNTY

Interstate 81

- * Mile marker 300 to 324, northbound and southbound Debris removal, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 309.82 to 318.19, northbound and southbound Bridge cleaning, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 310 to 315, northbound and southbound Sign, guardrail and delineator inspection and repair, Tuesday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 313, northbound and southbound– Litter removal on ramp, Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Primary Roads

* (NEW) Route 7 – Traffic signal reconstruction at intersection of I-81 northbound ramp. Intermittent flagger traffic control, Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Estimated completion is Sept. 9.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 704 (Back Creek Road), Gore area Bridge repair just south of Route 751. Single lane traffic with stop and proceed sign.
- * Various roads Patching.

CLARKE COUNTY

Primary Roads

* (NEW) Route 7 westbound – Paving from 0.07 mile east of Route 7 bypass to 0.10 mile east of Route 632. Alternating lane closures, Monday to Friday, 5 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Secondary Roads

* Various roads – Patching and brush cutting.

WARREN COUNTY

Interstate 66

- * Mile marker 0 to 13, eastbound and westbound Debris removal. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 6.76 to 8.17, eastbound and westbound Bridge cleaning, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * (NEW) Mile marker 10.56 to 11.76, eastbound and westbound Bridge cleaning, Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

* (NEW) Mile marker 11.94 to 13.27, eastbound and westbound – Bridge cleaning, Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Interstate 81

* Mile marker 298 to 300 northbound and southbound – Debris removal, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Primary Roads

- * Route 55 eastbound and westbound (South Fork Bridge project) Soil work. Shoulder closures in the vicinity of Route 340/522, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Estimated completion of soil work is early August.
- * Route 340/522 northbound and southbound (South Fork Bridge project) Soil work. Alternating lane closures between Seventeenth Street and Duck Street, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Estimated completion of soil work is early August.

Secondary Roads

- * Route 1026 (Happy Creek Road) Front Royal area Road improvement project from Sixth Street and Bradford Drive to near Route 606 (Shenandoah Shores Road). Temporary lane closures 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Happy Creek Road closed from Polk Avenue to Sixth Street until November 30 to reconstruct the Sixth Street intersection. Motorists should follow detour signs for alternate route. The speed limit in this work zone will be reduced to 25 mph.
- * Various roads Ditching and brush cutting.

Vegetation management may occur district wide on various routes.

Motorists are reminded to use extreme caution when traveling through work zones. Traffic alerts and traveler information can be obtained by dialing 511. In areas where 511 is unavailable, dial 1-866-MY511VA (866-695-1182). Traffic alerts and traveler information also are available at 511Virginia.org.

Highway safety is everyone's responsibility. Virginia's highway safety partnership — the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and Virginia State Police — challenges you to help prevent highway fatalities. Buckle up. Avoid distractions. Share the road. Drive drug- and alcohol-free. Obey speed limits. For more information on the Highway Safety Challenge and things you can do to avoid becoming Virginia's next traffic fatality, visit www.safeVAhighways.org.

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